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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN AIR LINES (EAL) SAFETY

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1. BOEING FLIGHT CREW AUDIT TEAM COMPLETED ITS WORK WITH EAL ON AUGUST 24 AND LEFT ADDIS FOLLOWING DAY. BEFORE DEPARTURE, THEY INFORMALLY TOLD US THEY WERE PLEASED WITH IN-FLIGHT PROCEDURES. ONE TEAM MEMBER, HOWEVER, HINTED THEY MIGHT RECOMMEND THAT EAL REQUEST A MAINTENANCE AUDIT TEAM.

2. EARLIER AS REPORTED REFTTEL, BOEING REGIONAL DIRECTOR (MIDDLE EAST) FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, R. KELVIN HOWARD, WHO STATIONED ATHENS, PROMISED PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH COPY OF REPORT THROUGH EMBASSY ATHENS. IN VIEW OF THIS, WE DID NOT ATTEMPT PRESS TEAM MEMBERS HERE FOR THEIR CONCLUSIONS. WE WOULD NOW APPRECIATE IT, HOWEVER, IF EMBASSY ATHENS WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HOWARD TO ASCERTAIN WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT COPY OR SUMMARY OF REPORT. WE ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY ATHENS WOULD TELEGRAPH US SUBSTANCE OF BOEING'S FINDINGS WHEN AVAILABLE (INFO DEPT.), IN ADDITION TO FORWARDING COPY OF REPORT TO US.

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3. FOR DEPT: SUBJECT OF TRAVEL ADVISORY RE EAL FINALLY
SURFACED OFFICIALLY SEPT 3 DURING CONVERSATION
BETWEEN BERHANE DERESSA, DIRECTOR AMERICAN DIVISION,
MOFA, AND CHARGE. BERHANE HAD CLEARLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
RAISE MATTER, BUT HIS FRAME OF REFERENCE INVOLVED THE
INFORMATION CONVEYED TO EAL FRANKFURT BY FRANKFURT REGIONAL
COURIER OFFICE (FRANKFURT 3843) LAST MAY. CHARGE TOLD
BERHANE THAT WE HAVE INDEED HAD REPORTS OF MAINTENANCE
PROBLEMS AT EAL.
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